

## ***How Could Greenspan's Plan Impact New Yorkers' Social Security Benefits?***

Chairman Greenspan's suggestion to cut Social Security benefits could impact millions of New Yorkers. Over 3 million people in the state currently receive benefits and an even larger number would be targeted by Greenspan's plan. The changes that Greenspan recommended would affect those not yet nearing retirement age, a group the Social Security Administration defines as those citizens currently under the age of 55. As a result, the plan could impact not only those currently receiving Social Security benefits, but many future generations of New Yorkers too. **Below is a county-by-county breakdown of how many New Yorkers are currently beneficiaries of Social Security and how many could be impacted if Chairman Greenspan's planned cuts were implemented.**

**Capital Region:** *Currently, there are 184,000 Social Security beneficiaries in the Capital Region. Chairman Greenspan's proposal to reduce social security benefits could affect 745,000 additional Capital Region residents.*

| County                | Current Social Security Beneficiaries | New Yorkers Under 55 Targeted by Greenspan's Proposal |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Albany                | 52,000                                | 222,000   |
| Fulton                | 12,000                                | 40,000  |
| Montgomery            | 13,000                                | 35,000  |
| Rensselaer            | 29,000                                | 116,000   |
| Saratoga              | 31,000                                | 156,000   |
| Schenectady           | 30,000                                | 107,000   |
| Schoharie             | 6,000                                 | 23,000  |
| Washington            | 11,000                                | 46,000  |
| <b>Capitol Region</b> | <b>184,000</b>                        | <b>745,000</b>  |

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**Central New York:** *Currently, there are 177,000 Social Security beneficiaries in Central New York. Chairman Greenspan's proposal to reduce social security benefits could affect 710,000 additional Central New York residents.*

| <b>County</b>           | <b>Current Social Security Beneficiaries</b> | <b>New Yorkers Under 55 Targeted by Greenspan's Proposal</b> |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Cortland                | 8,000  | 38,000   |
| Madison                 | 12,000                                       | 54,000   |
| Oneida                  | 51,000                                       | 172,000  |
| Onondaga                | 84,000                                       | 350,000  |
| Oswego                  | 22,000                                       | 96,000   |
| <b>Central New York</b> | <b>177,000</b>                               | <b>710,000</b>   |

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**Finger Lakes:** *Currently, there are 205,000 Social Security beneficiaries in the Finger Lakes. Chairman Greenspan's proposal to reduce Social Security benefits could affect 1,124,000 additional Finger Lakes residents.*

| <b>County</b>       | <b>Current Social Security Beneficiaries</b> | <b>New Yorkers Under 55 Targeted by Greenspan's Proposal</b> |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Cayuga              | 15,000                                       | 222,000  |
| Livingston          | 11,000                                       | 51,000   |
| Monroe              | 128,000                                      | 566,000  |
| Ontario             | 19,000                                       | 76,000   |
| Schuyler            | 4,000  | 14,000   |
| Seneca              | 7,000  | 25,000   |
| Tompkins            | 13,000                                       | 79,000   |
| Wayne               | 18,000                                       | 73,000   |
| Yates               | 5,000  | 18,000   |
| <b>Finger Lakes</b> | <b>205,000</b>                               | <b>1,124,000</b>   |

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**Hudson Valley:** *Currently, there are 383,000 Social Security beneficiaries in the Hudson Valley. Chairman Greenspan's proposal to reduce Social Security benefits could affect 1,754,000 additional Hudson Valley residents.*

| <b>County</b>        | <b>Current Social Security Beneficiaries</b> | <b>New Yorkers Under 55 Targeted by Greenspan's Proposal</b> |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Columbia             | 13,000                                       | 45,000   |
| Dutchess             | 48,000                                       | 217,000  |
| Greene               | 10,000                                       | 35,000   |
| Orange               | 51,000                                       | 273,000  |
| Putnam               | 13,000                                       | 76,000   |
| Rockland             | 46,000                                       | 221,000  |
| Sullivan             | 16,000                                       | 55,000   |
| Ulster               | 33,000                                       | 135,000  |
| Westchester          | 153,000                                      | 697,000  |
| <b>Hudson Valley</b> | <b>383,000</b>                               | <b>1,754,000</b>   |

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**North Country:** *Currently, there are 105,000 Social Security beneficiaries in the North Country. Chairman Greenspan's proposal to reduce Social Security benefits could affect 417,000 additional North Country residents.*

| <b>County</b>        | <b>Current Social Security Beneficiaries</b> | <b>New Yorkers Under 55 Targeted by Greenspan's Proposal</b> |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Clinton              | 14,000                                       | 62,000   |
| Essex                | 8,000  | 28,000   |
| Franklin             | 10,000                                       | 34,000   |
| Hamilton             | 1,000  | 4,000  |
| Herkimer             | 14,000                                       | 46,000   |
| Jefferson            | 18,000                                       | 90,000   |
| Lewis                | 5,000  | 20,000   |
| Saint Lawrence       | 21,000                                       | 86,000   |
| Warren               | 14,000                                       | 47,000   |
| <b>North Country</b> | <b>105,000</b>                               | <b>417,000</b>   |

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**Southern Tier:** *Currently, there are 137,000 Social Security beneficiaries in the Southern Tier. Chairman Greenspan's proposal to reduce Social Security benefits could affect 481,000 additional Southern Tier residents.*

| <b>County</b>        | <b>Current Social Security Beneficiaries</b> | <b>New Yorkers Under 55 Targeted by Greenspan's Proposal</b> |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Allegany             | 10,000                                       | 38,000   |
| Broome               | 44,000                                       | 147,000  |
| Chemung              | 19,000                                       | 67,000   |
| Chenango             | 11,000                                       | 38,000   |
| Delaware             | 11,000                                       | 33,000   |
| Otsego               | 12,000                                       | 46,000   |
| Steuben              | 20,000                                       | 73,000   |
| Tioga                | 10,000                                       | 39,000   |
| <b>Southern Tier</b> | <b>137,000</b>                               | <b>481,000</b>   |

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**Western New York:** *Currently, there are 308,000 Social Security beneficiaries in Western New York. Chairman Greenspan's proposal to reduce Social Security benefits could affect 1,144,000 additional Western New York residents.*

| <b>County</b>           | <b>Current Social Security Beneficiaries</b> | <b>New Yorkers Under 55 Targeted by Greenspan's Proposal</b> |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Cattaraugus             | 17,000                                       | 63,000   |
| Chautauqua              | 29,000                                       | 103,000  |
| Erie                    | 189,000                                      | 701,000  |
| Genesee                 | 12,000                                       | 46,000   |
| Niagara                 | 46,000                                       | 163,000  |
| Orleans                 | 8,000  | 34,000   |
| Wyoming                 | 7,000  | 34,000   |
| <b>Western New York</b> | <b>308,000</b>                               | <b>1,144,000</b>   |

**Source:** *Projections based on data from the Social Security Administration and US Census Bureau.*

